

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A reel unit for a spinning reel being adapted to be mounted to a fishing rod and configured to transmit rotation of a handle to a rotor to wind fishing line onto a spool, said reel unit comprising:

a housing unit having a mechanism accommodation space in an interior thereof;

a master gear non-rotatably coupled to a master gear shaft and disposed inside said mechanism accommodation space for transmitting rotation of the handle to the rotor;

a first lid made of a metal and detachably and reattachably coupled to said housing unit so as to close said mechanism accommodation space and interpose said master gear with said housing unit, said first lid rotatably supporting said master gear shaft;

a second lid made of a synthetic resin and detachably and reattachably coupled to said housing unit so as to close said mechanism accommodation space; and

a rod-attachment portion being formed integrally with one of said housing unit and said first lid, said rod-attachment portion being adapted to be attached to the fishing rod.

2. (Original) The reel unit according to claim 1, wherein

said first and second lids respectively have first and second shaft support portions that support said master gear shaft.

3. (Original) The reel unit according to claim 1, wherein

said first lid has a shaft support portion to cantilever said master gear shaft.

4. (Original) The reel unit according to claim 3, wherein

said shaft support portion rotatably supports said master gear shaft with a pair of bearings that are axially spaced apart.

5. (Original) The reel unit according to claim 1, wherein

said housing unit is made of a magnesium alloy.

6. (Original) The reel unit according to claim 1, wherein:  
said first lid is made of an aluminum alloy.

7. (Original) The reel unit according to claim 1, wherein  
said rod-attachment portion is integrally formed with said housing unit.

8. (Original) The reel unit according to claim 1, wherein  
said rod-attachment portion is integrally formed with said first lid.

9. (Currently Amended) The reel unit for a spinning reel disclosed in claim 1,  
wherein

    said housing unit includes at least one through hole formed therein,  
    one of said first and second lids includes at least one projection projecting toward said  
    housing unit, said projection being inserted into said through hole formed in said housing  
    unit, and

    the other of said first and second lids is coupled to said housing unit by being coupled  
    to said projection with a screw member.

10. (Original) The reel unit disclosed in claim 9, wherein  
    said first lid has said at least one projection, and  
    said projection has a female threaded portion formed thereon, in which said screw  
    member is threadedly coupled.

11. (Original) The reel unit for a spinning reel disclosed in claim 9, wherein  
    said second lid has said at least one projection,  
    said projection has a tapping hole formed thereon, and  
    said screw member is a tapping screw that is threadedly coupled into said tapping  
    hole.

12. (Currently Amended) A spinning reel being adapted to be mounted to a fishing  
    rod, said spinning reel comprising:

a handle;

a reel unit rotatably supporting said handle and being adapted to be mounted to the fishing rod, said reel unit including

    a housing unit forming a mechanism accommodation space in an interior thereof,

    a drive mechanism being arranged inside said mechanism accommodation space for transmitting rotation of said handle to said rotor, said drive mechanism having a master gear non-rotatably coupled to a master gear shaft,

    a first lid made of a metal and detachably and reattachably coupled to said housing unit so as to close said mechanism accommodation space and interpose said master gear with said housing unit, said first lid rotatably supporting said master gear shaft,

    a second lid made of a synthetic resin and detachably and reattachably coupled to said housing unit so as to close said mechanism accommodation space, and

    a rod-attachment portion being formed integrally with one of said housing unit and said first lid, said rod-attachment portion being adapted to be attached to the fishing rod;

    a rotor rotatably mounted on a front of said reel unit; and

    a spool disposed on a front of said rotor to move front and rear relative to said reel unit.

13. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 12, wherein said first and second lids respectively have first and second shaft support portions that support said master gear shaft.

14. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 12, wherein said first lid has a shaft support portion to cantilever said master gear shaft.

15. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 12, wherein said housing unit is made of a magnesium alloy.

16. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 12, wherein:  
said first lid is made of an aluminum alloy.

17. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 12, wherein  
said rod-attachment portion is integrally formed with said housing unit.

18. (Currently Amended) The spinning reel according to claim 12, wherein  
said housing unit includes at least one through hole formed therein;  
one of said first and second lids includes at least one projection projecting toward said  
housing unit, said projection being inserted into said through hole formed in said housing  
unit, and  
the other of said first and second lids is coupled to said housing unit by being coupled  
to said projection with a screw member.

19. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 18, wherein  
said first lid has said at least one projection, and  
said projection has a female threaded portion formed thereon, in which said screw  
member is threadedly coupled.

20. (Original) The spinning reel according to claim 18, wherein:  
said second lid has said at least one projection,  
said projection has a tapping hole formed thereon, and  
said screw member is a tapping screw that is threadedly coupled into said tapping  
hole.